land are well remembered. But few of the presidential candidates since 1852 held exalted public offices previous to their nomination. Fremont had been Governor of and United States Senator from California. Buchapan had also been a United States Senator and, just previous to his nomination, minister to England Pillmore had been elevated by death to the presidency. Breckinridge had been a Congressman and Dayton a State judge and United States Senator, the one from Kentucky and the other from New Jersey. Lincoln had filled no office but that of Congressman, although the famous campaign in which Douglas defeated him for Sepator from Illinois gave him the national prominence which induced his nomination for President. Breckinridge was in the Senate when nominated in 1861, and Bell had been Speaker and Secretary of War under Harrison. Hamlin had been Congressman. Senator and Governor of Maine: Everett had also served in the Senate, and Lane had been Governor and Senator from Oregon. McClellan had held no office outside of the army and the presidency of a railroad, and Pendleton was in Congress. Johnson had been a United States Senator, and was military Governor of Tennessee when nominated. Grant, just previous to his nomination, had been Secretary of War, the only Cabinet officer in recent years elevated to the presidency. Colfax had been Speaker of the House, Seymour Congressman and Governor of New York, and Blair Congressman and collector of customs at St. Louis, Gree'ey had never held any office but that of member of Congress from New York city, but Wilson had been United States Senator from Massachusetts and Brown Governor of and Senator from Missouri. Tilden and Hayes had both been Governors, the one of New York and the other of Ohio. Hendricks had been Senator from Indiana and Wheeler a State Senator and Congressman from New York. Hancock was a major-general in the army and Garfield a Congressman and United States Senator-elect when nominated. Arthur had been collector of the port of New York, and English had served in Congress and as a member of the constitutional convention of Indiana. Cleveland had been Mayor of Buffalo and Governor of New York, and Blaine Speaker of the House, Senator and Secretary of State under Garfield. Logan had been Congressman and Senator. Thurman has served in the lower House and Senate and on the bench of the Supreme Court of Ohio. Harrison has served one term in the Senate and Morton has been a member of Congress and minister to France.

ONE OF MR. ALCOTT'S FREAKS. A Story Told by that Ex-Transcendentalist,

Charles A. Dans.

New York Sun Editorial Perhaps the period when Mr. Alcott held this doctrine of lapses with the greatest intensity was about forty years ago, at the time when he was much associated with the late Charles Lane, another transcendental philosopher, who had come over here from England to promote the evolution of those spiritual ideas so much favored among the thinkers and reformers of New England. In the view which Alcott then advocated one of the most striking results of these lapses of man was that he had departed from the harmony of pature, and he had got into ways entirely false. This was peculiarly the case with his clothing and his cooking. For clothing people were using chiefly two articles, one of them cotton produced by the labor of slaves, and hence essentially wicked and inadmissible; and the other wool, the product of sheep, taken from them by shears, an unnatural and shocking process which no true philosopher, anxious to rise out of the lapses of humanity, would allow himself to become a party to. It was true that when wool had performed its natural and regular part in the ovine economy, and had been shed without the application of any artful means, it might properly be applied to the construction of human clothing; but for this purpose it would be necessary to go around the sheep pastures and gather up the scattered locks of wool that had fallen upon the grass or had been picked off by chance brambles; and this, in the present state of things, would be laborious and costly, and, therefore, impracticable.

In such a situation there was only one course remaining to a philosopher, and that was to dress himself in linen; and this he did. We remainher on one bitter winter day, when the slow was deep and the thermometer not much above zero, overtaking Mr. Alcott and Mr. Lane as they were journeying along the highway. They were roughout, with the single exand in wearing these they had submitted to a lapse that they were not yet propared to grapple with. In spite of the brisk pace at which they were struggling over the frozen snow they were blue with cold in their transcendental garments, and were glad enough to put around their shouldere the blankets which were offered them as they climbed into the sleigh, and still gladder when at last they were introduced to a blazing fire, which violated every rule of lapsarian doc-

The time for dinner came soon, and then the other great point of truth with which the philosophers were wrestling was promptly expounded, and the second fundamental error of man and of modern life was declared. This error-it did not amount to wickedness, for positive wickedness could not be admitted in the mild theory of these sublime moralistsconsisted in the use of fire for the preparation of food. Accordingly, instead of sharing in the repost which was smoking on the table the philosophers brought out a linen oag which they carried with them, and which contained the only dinner that was consistent with their views. It was in two courses; first, wheat in the natural and unbroken state, raw, unbulled wheat, and next, apples; and these they did not scruple to violate by the application of a knife for the convenience of mastication. Meanwhile they defended their innocent theory with delightful seriousness and cogency, but how long they stuck to it we cannot tell. Probably they soon became reconciled again to the habits people in general, and their lapsarian con-

jectures were turned in some other direction. How fortunate it is that the world is large enough and nature rich enough to permit freely the operation of every one of the countless anfractuosities of the human mind; and who is there so strong or so wise that he can affirm that the ends pursued by the great and powerful of the earth, the Bismarcks and the Rothschilds. the emperors and the millionaires, are in themselves more real, more important, or more enduring than those of our two barmless tran seendentalists, shivering and trudging in their linen clotning through the winter's snow, and applying all the refinements of high spiritual in-sight to establish the superior morality of wearing wool shed by the sheep over wearing the same wool sheared?

Woman's Love for Flowers.

Atlanta Criterion. Femininity and flowers, womanliness and a love for floral beauty are found so closely allied in this vale of tears that it is safe to assume that where one man possesses an inborn love of flowers a hundred women possess this trait and regard the floral kingdom as theirs by right of congeniality and comprehension. The melodic lover that sung "Thou'rt Like Unto a Flower," not only voiced a charming comparison but uttered a sentiment based on points possessed in common by womanhood and lovely flowers, and the fact that to a womanly woman the beauty and perfume of lowers a almost as a second nature. Hard and sold indeed must be the life of a woman in order to cause to pass from her this love for nature's most exquisite creations. Poverty and toil are often powerless to do this. In the very lowliest nortions of this city, in sections where dwell the men and women to whom life is but a hand-tohand struggle for existence, there will be found this evidence of saman's unquenchable love for flowers. On the sil of the window whose sash contains but few whole panes will be seen a hattered can or cracked clay pot holding a poor little ceranium or a stunted rose plant, the recipient of a woman's care and devotion. No such pathetic bit of floral growth will be found where only men live and congregate, even where such men are of a class above the flowercherishing women of the narrow alley and vociferous court. Flower-nature, moreover is onick to respond to woman-nature. Where even a flower-loving man will fail in growing a faw of his favorites, a woman will meet with a success that seems here by right of divining the needs of her pets. The sheep know the voice of their shepherd no better than flowers recognize the touch of a woman's hand and the general solicitude of a woman's care.

Excellent Missionary Material.

Pittsburg (hronicie, "It is my opinion," remarked the Snake Editor, "that missionaries to the cannibal slands should be selected from among the

Georgians."
"Wby!" asked the Horse Editor. Because the savages would find the Georgia Cracker difficult to masticate."

With One Hand Behind Him.

The Hon. John P. St. John denounces the Relican platform with more violence and biterness than he has shown in any other of his ical utterances. Indeed, his severity is so reat as to excite a suspicion that he would not object to receiving overtures for a compromise.

Aven's Sarsaparilla, operating through the

READING FOR THE SABBATH. International Bible Studies.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT. July 15, 1888.] Lesson III. Ex. xxxiii, 12-23. [P. C. 1492. GOD'S PRESENCE PROMISED. Mon.-God's presence promised Ex. xxxiii, 12-23

Tues.—God's presence promised.....Ex. xxxiv, 1.7
Wed.—The promise fulfilled......Neb. ix, 18-25 the end of the world .- Matt. zzviii, 20.

The leaders in the idolatrous worship having been slain, the people were humbled, and ready to return to God: and Moses again ascended the mountain and presented their prayer for mercy and acceptance. He received the promise that God's angel should go before them, and lead them into the land of their inheritance. But Moses was not content until he was assured that God's presence would go with his people, and He would give them rest. As a place for worship and meeting with God, Moses pitched a tent outside the camp, for its precincts had been defiled by the worship of idols. Into this tent, which was the precursor of the tabernacle soon to be srected. Moses entered to commune with the divine presence, while the people stood at their tent doors in the camp, and waited reverently until he should come forth with the message of pardon for their sins. As Moses went within the tent of meeting, the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door, and the Lord Jehovah talked with him, as the mediator and representative of Israel. The lawgiver desired some token of God's favor, some manifestation of His glory. He received the promise that the Lord would place him in a cieft of the rock on the mountain, and would cause His majesty to be seen. He was bidden to prepare two tablets of stone like those which he had broken, and bring them with him up Mount Sinai, and upon them the hand of God would write the ten laws as before. Upon the next day Moses climbed the mountain again, and remained for forty days more in communion with the God of Israel.

POINTS FOR ARROWS. 1. The more righteous one really is himself the more earnestly will be intercede for trans-

2. The more that one hates sin the more wil he love sinners and intercede for him. The nearer one lives to God the more will he be anxious to do for his fellow-men. 4. The plan of redemption is one that is in accord with the personal impulses of the best and most generous-minded men.

5. God loves earnest and importunate intercession for others. With one who so intercedes he will speak, as it were, face to face, as with a 6. If one is doing God's will he may claim

God's blessing. 7. If one has assurances of God's favor, he may ask with confidence for increased blessings. 8. The answer to one petition is but an invitation to present another. 9. Only by having God's presence can we have

10. It is not worth while to attempt anything, if God cannot be identified with it. 11. That which distinguishes Christians from other men is the fact that they have God with

12. If one but desires to behold it he can see the goodness of God at any time. 13. Though we cannot now behold the face of God, yet the time is coming when we shall see Him as He is, and then we shall be like Him. He will attract us into being like Himself. 14. It is in God's past dealings with you that

you can see His goodness and His glory. He makes all things work together for good to them that love Him. 15. Hidden in the Rock of Ages, we now have a better vision of God then was permitted even HEART TRUTHS.

"I know thee by thy name." God knows each one of us. None of His children are strangers. He has personal interest in each. He has individual blessings for each. Do you know him as He knows you? 2. "My presence shall go with thee." The promise is sure to every true pilgrim to the better land. God is His people's guide. He leaves none in doubt or uncertainty. He points out the way and leads therein. "I am with you

alway." Can you fear? 3. "Show me Thy glory." Is this your prayer? Look up; look around; look within! "The heavens declare the glory of God," so do rivulet, and bird, and flower; so do brain, and heart, and muscle and life. Have you not seen Him? Hav eyou lovingly adored him?

Programme of Christianity. Professor Drummond gave recently a Sunday fternoon lecture at the Grosvenor House, London, that appears to have been of unusual merit. The subject was the "Programme of Christianity," which he said contained everything that the world needed. Leaflets were distributed through the room, of which the following is a

THE PROGRAMMF OF CHRISTIAMTY.

To preach good tidings unto the meek. To bind up the broken-hearted. To proclaim liberty to the captives, and the open g of the prison to them that are bound. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God. To comfort all that mourn.

o appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, To give unto them-Beauty for ashes. The oil of joy for mourning

The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Sundays and Camp-Meetings. orthwestern Christian Advocate. The recent General Conference had something to say obout the relation of camp-meeting programmes and the proper observance of Sabbath. We are glad to see several notices of coming meetings which expressly declare that the Lord's day will be sanctified, and kept holy during the summer. At second thought it would seem singular that such notices need to be made. Why a camp-meeting can run Sunday trains to a service and Germans may not do the same to a shooting-match, is not patent to the average

devotee of the schuetzenfest. Let us avoid the appearance of evil. If we were asked what are the two greatest human sids to pulpit power, we should say self-

possession and self-abandonment, -Paxton The highest morality, if not inspired and vitalzed by religion, is but as the marble statue or the silent corpse to the living and perfect man. -Dr. S. I. Prime.

We can never see this world in its true light unless we consider our life in it as a state of discipline, a condition through which we are passing to prepare us for another state beyond. -J. W. Alexander.

An instructor in an Indian school says it is | swears at, sleeves like a miniature balloon, or easier to overcome an Indian's prejudice against Christianity and convert him than reconcile him to manual labor. But after he is christianized even then he won't work.

Canon Rawlinson, whose volumes are known to all scholars, is about seventy-three years old. He is not impressive in personal appearance, nor is he a popular preacher, on account of a serious impediment in his speech.

The salaries of the bishops of the Esiscopal Church in this country vary widely. The highest is that of Bishop Potter, of New York-\$10. 000 and a residence. The next is \$6,000, and sight receive \$5 000 each .- Mid-Continent The Bishop of Carlisle declared in a recent

speech that men were kept from religion by the character of modern sermons. He added that a sermon was very often a text floating about in a quantity of weak soup .- The Churchman. For what is it to thee, whether that man be such or such, or whether this man do or speak this or that? Thou shalt not need to answer for others, but shalt give an account for thyself. Wherefore dost thou entangle thyself!-St.

We need to watch our tendencies. They may be leading us in right directions, but also in wrong ones, and we should therefore be careful to know whither we are moving. Are we drawing nearer God and dwelling in the love with which he surrounds us!—United Presbyterian.

Of eighty-six Jewish periodicals, eighteen are ublished in the Hebrew language, fourteen in English, and others in German, French and Russian. The Jews have forty-nine avnagogues in New York city, and a larger Jewish population there to-day than can be found in Jerusalem. Divine grace, even in the heart of weak and sinful man, is invincible. Drown it in the waters of adversity, it rises more beautiful, as not being drowned indeed, but only washed; throw it into the furnace of flery trials, it comes out purer and loses nothing but the dross .- Arch-

bishop Leighton. The Hon. L. P. Morton, the Republican candidate for Vice president, is of clerical ancestry. His father was a Congressional minister of good standing, and his mother a sister of Rev. Levi Parsons, the first American missionary to Palestine, from whom be received his Chris-

The Bible seeks to regulate our actions in this world, not exclusively by considerations that relate simply to this life, but mainly by motives that are drawn from another life, and that relate to God and what he requires of his moral creatures. True godliness embraces both lives in its vision and motives to action.-The Inde-

Rev. Dr. R. S. Maclay has accepted the position of dean of the Maclay Theological School at San Fernando, Cal., founded by his brother. I followed if one does not wish to appear eccen-

This school is worthy the attention of theological students. It is well provided with buildings, is liberally endowed, and offers peculiar facilities for a theological education. The present acting dean is Rev. F. B. Cherrington, San

Fernando. A very distinguished prelate of the Episcopal Church found himself stranded in a little town away down in the backwoods of Maine last summer, and had to put up at a farm-house, where he was hospitably entertained. "Do you have many Episcopalians down here?" he inquired of the hostess. "Well, really now, I don't know," she answered; "our hired man shot some sort of a queer critter down back of the barn the other day, but he allowed it was a woodchuck."-Boston Herald.

It was at Dublin, in 1741, that the first performance of the "Messiah" took place. Dr. Beattie, author of the "Minstrel" and the "Essay on Truth," records an interesting anecdote told him by the Earl of Kinnonl. Calling on Handel a few days after the first performance, he naturally paid him some compliments on the success of the noble entertainment which he had given the public. "My lord," said Handel, "I should be sorry if I only entertained them; I wish to make them better."

A writer in the New York Evangelist thinks that the abundance of "lesson helps" tends to lessen the study of God's word. It is more than possible that there is something in the sugges-tion. These who write the lesson commentaries do the studying, and the reading teacher, who may do all the better work in his class, yet loses the mental and spiritual benefits of close contact with the word. If this is true, it is not the first instance in which he who feeds others is himself an-hungered. All honor to those who labor so hard to furnish the teacher with weapons, but sad for him who is seduced into neglect of a close companionship with the Scriptures.

THE CONGO FREE STATE.

Some of the Results of King Leopole's Experiment.

Some interesting facts about the work which has been done through the efforts of the King of Belgium in the Free State of the Congo, are given in Le Mouvement Geographique, published in Brussels, and which devoted a great deal of space in each number to the experiment now in progress on the Congo. Capt. Thys, in a lecture before the Belgian Geographical Society, summarizes the work that has been accomplished, and predicts that in the future the Congo State is sure to be of great commercial importance. Some of the results of King Leopold's wise policy in the country which Stanley opened to the world are of peculiar interest. The geographical secrets of the immense region of the Upper Congo have been wrenched, one by one, from the territory which Stanley christened only ten years ago "The Dark Continent." A regular government has been established, with laws founded on the most liberal ideas, and is working effectively. An immesse new country has been opened to the commercial and industrial activity of the world.

Navigation has been pushed forward in the lower Congo from the sea to Boma, and the work is well in hand of opening up the river for commerce as far as Matadi. Buoys have been placed and light-houses constructed to add to the security of the navigator. The basin of the lower Congo has been surveyed, and a map drawn upon which to have the rights of property, and the topographical brigade is now enchart of the lower Congo. A postal service has been established, assuring the regular and rapid transportation of mails and small packages, and a health department, which registers the births, marriages and deaths of all not natives of the country, and which will soon extend its power over the natives in the neighborhood of the stations, is in full working order. A medical service, under the charge of Belgian physicians, is established at Banana, Boma and Leopoldville.

The young State has its army, like older governments of the old world. It is composed of black soldiers, commanded by European officers, is well disciplined and amply capable of making the power of the government respected. By means of it the caravan route between Matadi and Leopoldville is made perfectly safe, and it can be traveled as freely and with even less risk of personal danger than many European routes in presumably civilized countries. A car-rier service has been established in the region of the cascades, in which a large body of natives is engaged. They carry their loads on their backs. and the business was so extensive last year that it ergaged the backs and legs of 60,000 of the natives. But this is a temporary expedient to overcome the obstacle of the cataracts. Surveys are already being made for a system of railroads, the construction of which will soon begin, and when this is completed the cataracts of the Congo will no longer prove a factor in the progressive life of the new State. Cattle ranches have been formed at the different stations, and the animals are found to thrive well in the region. A troop of 180 beeves is quartered at Boma for breeding purposes, and at Maladi, Loukoungo, Leopoldville and Loulouabourg there are smaller troops. On the Upper Congo, in the very heart of savage Africa, which, less than thirty-five years ago. was believed to be uninhabited, there is now a fleet of fourteen steamboats engaged in passenger and freight traffic, and the number is steadly increasing as the demands of trade increase. The fame of the new State has penetrated to the interior, and whole tribes of natives who have been living in barbarism are constantly moving down the river to offer the r services to the whites as soldiers, sailors, tillers of the soil and general workmen. These peobecome more or less civilized by contact with the whites, and such of them as return to the interior become so many missionaries in the cause of civilization. The progress of commerce has been wonderful, and it is rapidly pushing its way into the very strongholds of barbarism. A few years ago no commercial house was to be found beyond Noki; now factories are established at Bangala and Louebo.

in the middle of the continent, doing business under the protection of the flag of the Congo A regular line of steamers runs from Antwerp, Belgium, to the Congo and the southwest coast of Africa, sailing on the 15th of each month, taking passengers, the mail and freight. Letters intended for residents of the Free State should be sent by way of Antwerp to insure the most speedy transportation.

EXTREMES OF FASHION.

Big Bustles Abandoned and to Be Succeeded

by an Era of Lankness. New York Evening Post.

Regarding fashions there appears to be no happy medium with many women. It is either the one extreme or the other-a steeple-crowned hat or a lap-stone, a life-endangering French shoe heel or a flat "common seuse" modeled a la Cherokee, a towering mass of hair piled upon the crown of the head like Alps on Alps or a pudgy "emigrant twist" which the dress collar else fitting like an eel's skin, retarding the natural circulation of the blood and inviting paralysis. Whatever appears on the ample platform of "style" that is large, the extremist procures and parades the largest; that is high, then the highest, and so on. For more than a year our thoroughfares have presented to view a vast procession of women, young and old, whose friends, if they really had any, should have served an injunction upon their appearance in public until they were properly clothed. They appeared en masse, and not as one woful individual, or they would have been jeered at and mobbed. The sight grew common, and so the objects went their way unmolested. The simple fact that "the winks an' floger ends were notice takin' " went for naught with the extremists, whose hideous tournure showed its great, ugly arches through the dress skirt, or wobbled and wiggled at every step of its wearer. But fashion has issued a fiat, and lo! the streets already throng with the tournureless extremist, who certainly looks as though she had left at home every portion of her once elaborate get-up except her bare gown. Gone are the reeds, the hair-cloth, the starch, the springs, the steels, the whalebone! And this devotee of style now looks like a weary, wandering, insane relic of the lank era following the hooped epoch of the sixteenth century. She is undraped to absurdity. One lady, whose dress betokened wealth, was noted on Fifth avenue last week entering a celebrated concert auditorium. Her gown was of a very rich quality, but at the back the dress was as closely gored as a riding habit, and appeared as if, in a moment of absent-mindedness, she had put it on "wrong side foremost." It

does not seem possible that we shall ever see our

streets swept clean of mud and tobacco by a

lady's trailing dress, or note a one-button dress-

glove, or see a woman starch her silken lock s

with bandoline, or puff them with study "rats."

or that she will ever lace to suffocation, or-

but what are all these absurdities but a repeti-

tion of history sure to come in on the cycles of

time, sooner or later? The clumsy tournare is

but a repetition, quickly to die out, then to be marveled at and scoffed. The fashion of al-

lowing any number of stray wisps of bair to

go flying away from the sides of the once tidy

French twist is still in vogue. A more mussy

spectacle than this Ophelia style of coiffure it is

difficult to imagine. The high sleeve of the

bodice, raised in points that nearly reach the

ears, destroying all the natural grace of the

shoulders, has given place to the decollete cor-

sage-the worse of the two evils. The soiled

undressed kid glove is de rigueur with the

dainty extremist simply because fashion

tolerates it. An ugly tan-colored glove

is worn with the most delicate evening

ric, they are not to be allowed to govern us to the extent of being adopted unreservedly. A grotesque or unbecoming fashion should be frowned down. And, while being thankful that time has done so much for us since the days when a bear-skin and a tunic of gay feathers constituted the full-dress toilet of the dusky daughters of the forest, we are also glad that, with all the other blessings that have come to us, American women, aside from the class of extremists, are, for the greater part, blessed with a degree of taste, fine artistic judgment and natural refinement which will keep them ever in the "happy medium" between flashiness and dowdyism, between prim severity and ridiculous or extravagant overdressing.

HARRISON AT PEACH TREE CREEK Or, Who Saved the Right.

I see again those Georgia hills With sheen of summer glowing, And I hear once more her creeks and rills Along the valley flowing. The south and song-bird in the grove Its notes of magic singing, Or cross the azure arch above

But o'er the hills there is other sheen Than from the sunrays shining, And a war cloud soon amid the green Will show a steel girt lining. Like the breakers beat on a distant shore, Or 'mid some cavern's treasures The muffled tramp and the sullen roar Of armies sound their measures.

In solid folds the hordes of Hood Are coiling swift for battle, I see their fangs amid the wood-I hear the warning rattle. The Gray to-day may strike a blow To break our lines asunder---The vengeance of a maddened foe

Aerial journeys winging.

For lost Resaca's blunder. Well may they strike. From where the lines Of Newton guard the valley
To where the fine of Geary winds Around to meet their sally, A wide division's space occurs

Save where that Chapin's skirmishers Along the hill are scattered. And strike they will! In double rank From out the cover swarming, Tho' shot and grape on either flank Like devils onward swarming, They mount the hill, and hand to hand

As if the Right was shattered,

Joe Hooker's line is riven. But stay! Above the battle cloud A brigade flag is streaming! And look! beneath the battle shroud A thousand guns are gleaming! The First has thrown its trusty line Along the Feach Tree heather

The skirmish line is driven.

The day is lost to Cumberland-

And now with cords of valor bind The riven corps together. They meet the ranks of yelling foe Far down the hillside sweeping With shafts of fire that fiercely glow From out their rifles leaping And drive them up the blood-stained slope

Like panic-stricken cattle. The noble First, brave Sherman's hope. Has saved the Right the battle. And the star went up to the hill-top cap That day in the grandest manner And a star came down on the shoulder-strap Of the chief who led that banner.

For Hooker swore by his smoking guns That the world should know the story Of the gailant charge of Harrison's That crowned that day with glory. -Sherman D. Richardson, in Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

Written for the Sunday Journal. Summer Showers. The air is shot with spangling drops, But heedless of the rain The sun laughs through a silver veil Upon the golden grain.

> And lightly arching up the East In faintly penciled lines, That throb and flush to tinted bars, A double rainbow shines.

It seems to softly touch the earth, Till tangled in the breeze It winds a film of iris light, About the distant trees.

In frothy clusters down the road The blooming elders lean. With dripping buds that shine like pearls Within a sea of green.

And heaped around them, pink as shells, The roses are in flower, While earth and sky are freshly keyed To sweetness by the shower.

A Sonnet. Along the fields that shimmer in the glare, Of noontide silence, lulled by droning bees, The quivering aspens doze among the trees And in the meadows, sunburnt, brown and bare, Swept by the reaper's polished cimetar, In shrill delight the loud grasshoppers tease, With jangling notes the grotesque cicadas. Whose drowsy cadence soothes the sultry air. Urged idly onward by the frequent goad, The panting yoke with tardy languor leaves The dry, hot stubble for the dusty road, And half-asleep, with clumsy patience heaves From side to side the shrilly creaking load Of summer sunshine bound in golden sheaves.

-Edwin S. Hopkins. July. Golden wheatfields. Ripening corn. Thunder showers, Dewy morn, Cool woodland, Water nigh: Time for picnics-

That's July. -J. G. B. A Change of Name. I knew a girl named Mary Carty, Who, tho poor, was hale and hearty: She used to wear a gingham gown And took my mother's washing down, But now she's making quite a stir, With quite a fortune left to her.

She now assumes the air blase And spells her name Marie Carte. -Albany Union No Drug to Cure Insomnia.

Dr. W. F. Hutchinson, in American Magazine. I have recently met with several cases of insomnia due to over-taxation of the American pervous system, and have been requested to

prescribe some drug that should be effective to produce sleep and be at the same time harmless. No such drug exists! There is not one medicine capable of quieting to sleep voluntary life that has been working ten hours at high pressure, except it be more or less poisonous. Consumption of chloral, bromine in some form, or opium has increased in this country to an incredible extent, is still growing, and a large number of Americans go

to bed every night more or less under the in-

fluence of poison. Sleep thus obtained is not

restful nor restorative, and nature sternly ex-

acts her penalties for violated law, more severe in these cases than in most others. Digestion suffers first-one is rarely hungry for breakfast, and loss of morning appetite is a certain sign of ill health. Increasing nervousness follows until days become burdens and poisoned nights the only comfortable parts of

"Did n't Know 't was Loaded"

May do for a stupid boy's excuse; but what can be said for the parent who sees his child languishing daily and fails to recognize the want of a tonic and blood-purifier? Formerly, a course of bitters, or sulphur and molasses, was the rule in well-regulated families; but now all intelligent households keep Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which is at once pleasant to the taste, and the most searching and

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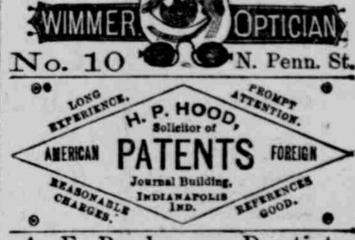
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